



August 4, 2024
11th Sunday after Pentecost
10:00 a.m.

Gathering those who fear they are not enough,
so we may experience grace, wholeness, and renewal as God's beloved.

We Gather to Praise God

PRELUDE

For the Beauty of the Earth

arr. James E. Clemens (b. 1966)

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME

Megan Klose

*** CALL TO WORSHIP** *based on Psalm 108*

Megan Klose

ONE: O Lord our God, you are very great.

ALL: You set the earth on its foundations, so that it shall never be shaken.

ONE: You make springs gush forth in the valleys, giving drink to every wild animal.

ALL: You cause grass to grow for cattle, and plants for people to cultivate, to bring forth food from the earth.

ONE: O Lord, how manifold are your works!

ALL: In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

ONE: May the glory of the Lord endure forever.

ALL: I will sing to the Lord as long as I live.

ONE: May our meditation be pleasing to you.

ALL: Bless the Lord, O my soul!

** Please stand in body or spirit*

* HYMN 19

God of Great and God of Small

CALL TO CONFESSION AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Katharine Stewart

ONE: Jesus calls us to enter the joy of discipleship, the joy of following in his way. But sin clings closely, and we struggle to respond fully to Christ's invitation. Let us seek God's forgiveness so that we may know more deeply the joy God intends.

ALL: Merciful God, in Jesus, we have seen your glory. Yet our sinfulness often blocks out the light of Christ. We are quick to accuse and slow to confess. We find faults easily in others while ignoring our own shortcomings. We have squandered your gifts. We have turned from your ways. We have ignored your Word. Have mercy on us, compassionate God. Pour out your Holy Spirit on our sinful lives. Wash us with your love and cleanse us with your grace so that day by day we might move closer to the people you would like us to be.

Personal prayer in silence

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Megan Klose

ONE: The proof of God's amazing love is this: that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

ALL: Thanks be to God!

* SING GLORY TO GOD 583

Glory to God



TEXT: Trad. liturgical text
MUSIC: Jacques Berthier, 1979
Music © 1979, 1981 Les Presses de Taizé (admin. GIA Publications, Inc.)

GLORIA (Taizé)

* PASSING THE PEACE

Megan Klose

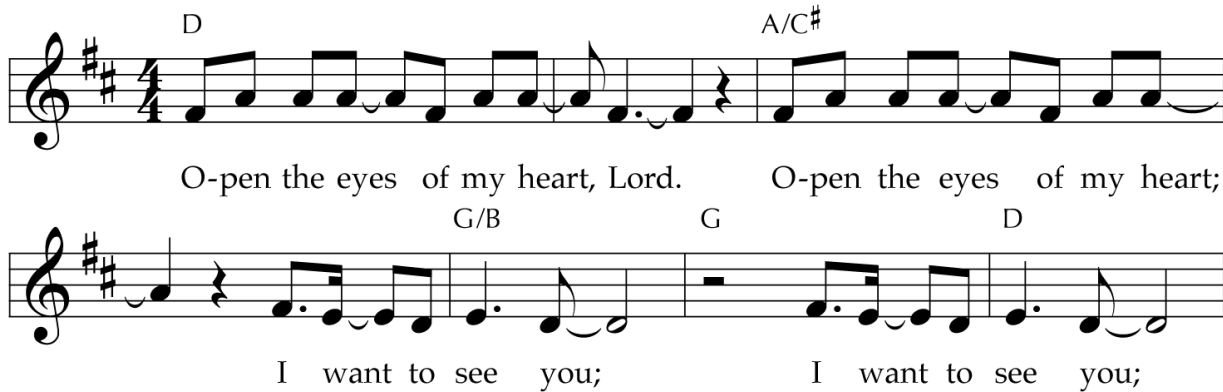
ONE: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

We Listen for God's Word

SUNG PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION 452 (sung twice)

Open the Eyes of My Heart



TEXT and MUSIC: Paul Baloche, 1997
Text and Music © 1997 Integrity's Hosanna! Music (admin. EMICMGPublishing.com)

OPEN THE EYES
Irregular

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Revelation 1:4-5, 7-8

Katharine Stewart

ONE: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 1

Megan Klose

ONE: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Not Politically Correct

Megan Klose

We Respond to God's Word

*** HYMN 346**

For the Healing of the Nations

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Katharine Stewart

Adapted from the Iona Community Book of Prayer

We believe in God above us, maker and sustainer of all life, from sun to moon, from heaven to earth, from ocean to desert, from male to female. We believe in God beside us, Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh, born of a woman, servant of the poor, tortured and nailed to a tree. A man of sorrows, he died forsaken. He descended into the earth to the place of death. On the third day he rose from the tomb; he ascended into heaven to be everywhere present, and his kingdom will come on earth. We believe in God within us, the Holy Spirit of Pentecostal fire, life-giving breath of the church, Spirit of healing and forgiveness, source of resurrection and of eternal life. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Katharine Stewart

ONE: Lord in your mercy,

ALL: Hear our prayer.

The Prayers of the People are offered on behalf of and with the congregation, usually by an elder who is currently serving or has previously served on Session. Prayer requests can be sent to Pastor Megan at prayers@fallschurchpresby.org.

Please keep in your prayers ...

Philip Patten, cousin of Frank Burdette, with family concerns

Winnie Harris-Zoellner on the death of her brother, Robbie Harris, on July 23,
with gratitude to Julie Kacmarcik for her friendship and care of Robbie

Myra Bridgforth, recovering from knee replacement surgery on July 22

Mary Soule on the death of her mother, Grace Soule, on July 11

Allan Capon, Young Hobbie, Ruth Mileham, Sally Storr, Ken Waugh, with
continuing health concerns

OUR LIFE TOGETHER AS THE BODY OF CHRIST

Megan Klose

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Please support the mission and ministry of the church with your financial contributions.

Offerings can be placed in the offering plate, mailed to the church office, given online through our secure giving portal (fcpc.breezechms.com/give/online), texted to give at 7037751355, or scanned using the QR code.



OFFERTORY

I Glory in My Jesus

Sally DeFord (b. 1956)

Anastasia Waits

I glory in my Jesus; I delight to sing His praise. I glory in His goodness; I glory in His grace.

Help and refuge in my weakness; Hope and healing when I fall;

I glory in my Jesus, Who redeems my soul from hell.

Born of Mary; born of mercy; Born of love for all mankind.

Born to carry all our sorrow; Born to suffer; born to die.

Come to fit us for His kingdom. Come to save my soul from sin.

I glory in my Jesus, and forever trust in Him.

I glory in my Jesus; God of power, God of might.

Guide and guardian through the darkness; God of everlasting light.

Swift to seek me though I wander. Swift to comfort and forgive.

I glory in my Jesus, and in Him my soul shall live.

*** DOXOLOGY 605**

Praise to God the Father

Praise to God the Fa - ther; praise to God the Son;
praise to God the Spir - it: praise to the Three - in - One.
Sing praise, sing praise to the Lord on high.
Praise to God Al - mighty - y; praise to the Ho - ly One.

TEXT: Anon.
MUSIC: Ghanaian melody; arr. Alfred V. Fedak, 2011
Music Arr. © 2011 Alfred V. Fedak

DA N'ASE
Irregular

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Megan Klose

Invitation to the Lord's Table and Great Thanksgiving

ONE: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

ONE: Lift up your hearts.

ALL: We lift them up to the Lord.

ONE: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

ALL: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

ONE: It is truly right...

Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, God of
pow - er, God of might, heav-en and earth are full of your
glo-ry. Ho - san-na in the high - est! Blessed is the
One, blessed is the One, blessed is the One who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na! Ho -
san-na! Ho - san - na in the high - est!

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text
MUSIC: David E. Poole, 2007
Music © 2007 David E. Poole

SANCTUS (Poole)

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Words of Institution and Distribution of the Elements

Come forward by the center aisle, take bread, dip it into the cup and eat, then return to your pew by a side aisle. Bread is gluten-free, cup is non-alcoholic, and yeast-free wafers are available. A tray with bread and cups will be brought to those who wish to remain seated.

Prayer after Communion

Megan Klose

* HYMN 526

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

* CHARGE AND BLESSING

Megan Klose

POSTLUDE

Prelude in C Major

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

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Supporting Us in Worship

Worship Leader	Katharine Stewart
Ushers	Lowell Schuyler, Marsha Schuyler
Communion Preparation	Sam Beatty, Elaine Porter
Audio/Video	Alex Hess
Sexton	Allison Hoak
Sanctuary Flowers	The flowers today are given to the glory of God by Chuck and Young Hobbie in grateful honor of the staff and members of FCPC for their support and in celebration of 50 years of marriage this month.

A Warm Welcome

Thank you for joining us in worship this morning. Please sign the red welcome pad which can be found at the end of the pew, then pass the pad along to your neighbor.

Large-print bulletins are available at the sanctuary entrances. Portable electronic assistive listening devices are available in the narthex.

A recording of today's service can be found at www.fallschurchpresby.org/sermon. If you would like to learn more about our family of faith, please talk to the pastor as you exit the sanctuary. More information can be found on our website.

Children in Worship

Children are always welcome in our services. Children's bulletins and coloring sheets are available for children of all ages at each sanctuary entrance.

The Kids' Corner in the front right of the Sanctuary is a space where children and their grownups can play, read, color, and participate in worship.

Children up to age 4: Child care is offered in Room 201. Parents may drop off and pick up children throughout this service. Godly Play (for children ages 4 and up) is on summer break and will resume Sept. 8.

Fellowship Hour

Please join us in Fellowship Hall after worship to greet your neighbors and enjoy some light refreshments. Hosted by the Community Building Ministry Team.

Card Ministry Sunday. Stop by the Card Ministry table during Fellowship Hour today and write a quick note to someone who's celebrating a birthday or anniversary this month or needs a word of encouragement or prayer. Cards and stamps provided.

Announcements

10:00 a.m. Worship Service to continue. The Session and Worship Ministry Team have observed the positive effect that a single Sunday service has had on the fellowship, engagement, and unity of the congregation throughout this past year and over the summer. We have discerned that we need to "right size" our worship services to align with our numbers. Therefore, we will continue with a single worship service in the sanctuary at 10:00 a.m. into the program year. The stated Spiritual Growth hour will be 9:00-9:45 a.m. Of course, classes and small groups may meet at any time they choose.

Parent Study Group for Christian Parents of LGBTQ Children. The Reformation Project is offering a free **8-week program, starting Aug. 4**, for Christian parents seeking to reconcile their love for their LGBTQ child with their love for the Bible and faith in Jesus Christ. This program includes a close look at biblical teaching on topics like marriage, gender, and sexual ethics and offers an opportunity for parents to discuss these topics within a group of other parents who are on a similar journey. See Friday egram for more information.

Welcome Table update. At our July 17 Welcome Table, we served 330 guests and provided \$10 Giant Food gift cards to adults. Our next Welcome Table is Aug. 7, and we need help with cleanup from 6-7 p.m. Sign up through the link in the Friday egram or website. While there you can also sign up for the next big meal on Aug. 21, where lots of helping hands are always needed.

Summer pickup choir, Aug. 11. Anyone who wants to sing with the choir should come to the sanctuary at 9:30 a.m. to practice something “simple” for the 10:00 a.m. service. We’d love for you to join us, even if just for one day!

Calling all 3rd-6th graders! Join us for a special day of water fun on Sunday, **Aug. 11.** We’ll gather at Providence Presbyterian Church (9019 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax) from 2 to 4 p.m. for water balloons, slip n’ slides, and other fun with water! Come in a bathing suit and ready to get drenched! Questions? Contact Diane Maloney (dmaloney@fallschurchpresby.org).

Escape Weekend, Nov. 1-3. Register now to reserve your spot at Escape Weekend 2024! Sign up through the link in the Friday egram or contact Marnie Sarver (marnie.sarver@gmail.com).

Church Calendar

Sunday, August 4

Worship Service, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary, in person or online

Youth Kings Dominion Trip, 10:00 a.m. depart from Providence Presbyterian

Monday, August 5 – *No scheduled events*

Tuesday, August 6

Tuesday Morning Prayer Group, 8:45 a.m., Zoom

Buildings & Grounds Team, 6:30 p.m., Conference Room

Wednesday, August 7

First Wednesday Welcome Table Setup/Food Prep, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.,
Fellowship Hall/Kitchen

Welcome Table Meal Distribution/Cleanup, 4:00-7:15 p.m.

Pastor Nominating Committee, 7:30 p.m., Library and Zoom

Thursday, August 8

Finance Team, 7:00 p.m., Conference Room

Justice Ministry, 7:30 p.m., Zoom

Friday, August 9 – *No scheduled events*

Saturday, August 10

Bible Study & Fellowship Group, 8:00 a.m., Parlor

Sunday, August 11

VOICE Core Team, 9:00 a.m., Room 303

Pickup Choir, 9:30 a.m., Sanctuary

Worship Service, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary, in person or online

Water Fun Day (3rd-6th grades), 2:00-4:00 p.m., Providence Presbyterian

Falls Church Presbyterian belongs to the Covenant Network of Presbyterians, “working for the unity of the church, furthering the inclusion of LGBTQ persons, seeking understanding and reconciliation, and joining with others seeking a still more just and inclusive church.”

Falls Church Presbyterian is also a Matthew 25 church seeking to build congregational vitality, dismantle structural racism, and eradicate systemic poverty.

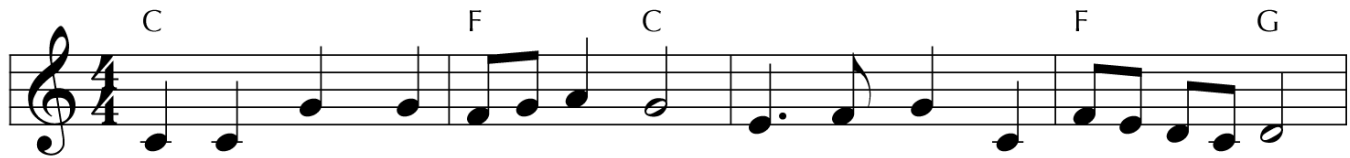
The Rev. Megan Klose, Associate Pastor
Diane Maloney, Director of Spiritual Growth and Community Engagement
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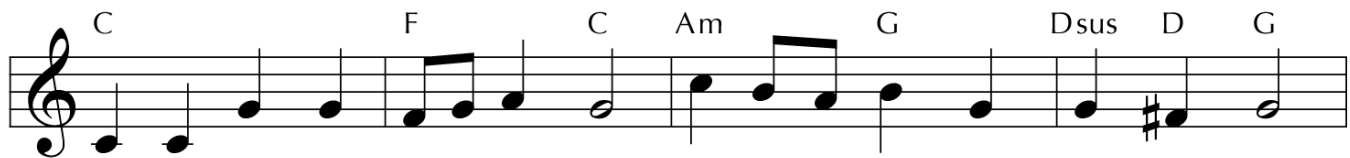
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God of Great and God of Small 19

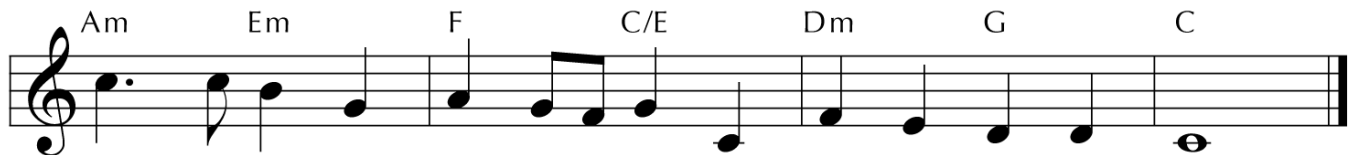


1 God of great and God of small, God of one and God of all,
2 God of land and sky and sea, God of life and des - ti - ny,
3 God of si - lence, God of sound, God by whom the lost are found,
4 God of heaven and God of earth, God of death and God of birth,



God of weak and God of strong, God to whom all things be - long,
God of nev - er - end - ing power, yet be - side me ev - ery hour,
God of day and dark - est night, God whose love turns wrong to right,
God of now and days be - fore, God who reigns for - ev - er - more,

Refrain



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, praise be to your name.

Although it uses remarkably simple language, this text affirms a great mystery: beyond all our powers of explanation, God holds together all the opposites that seem to pull us in one direction or another. Yet God is present to them all and also to us; for that we give praise.

TEXT: Natalie Sleeth, 1973

MUSIC: Natalie Sleeth, 1973; arr. Beverly A. Howard, 2012

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GOD OF GREAT AND SMALL

7.7.7.7 with refrain

346 For the Healing of the Nations

1 For the heal - ing of the na - tions, Lord, we pray with
 2 Lead us for - ward in - to free - dom; from de - spair your
 3 All that kills a - bun - dant liv - ing, let it from the
 4 You, Cre - a - tor God, have writ - ten your great name on

one ac - cord; for a just and e - qual shar - ing
 world re - lease, that, re - deemed from war and ha - tred,
 earth be banned: pride of sta - tus, race, or school - ing,
 hu - man - kind; for our grow - ing in your like - ness,

of the things that earth af - fords; to a life of
 all may come and go in peace. Show us how through
 dog - mas that ob - scure your plan. In our com - mon
 bring the life of Christ to mind, that by our re -

love in ac - tion help us rise and pledge our word.
 care and good - ness fear will die and hope in - crease.
 quest for jus - tice may we hal - low life's brief span.
 sponse and ser - vice earth its des - ti - ny may find.

The first line of this text quotes the declared purpose of the leaves of the tree of life growing beside the river of life in the heavenly Jerusalem (Revelation 22:2). The hymn continues by identifying some of the many ways we are called to share with God in this healing work.

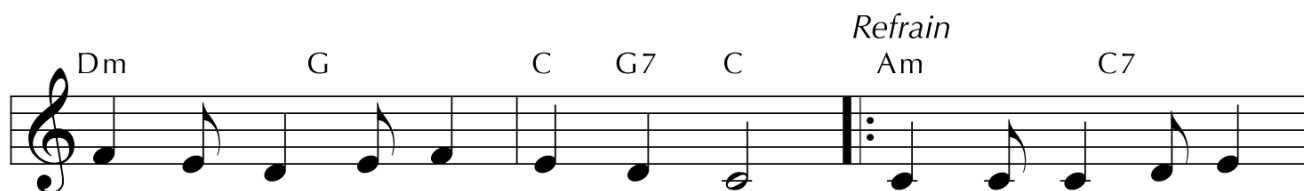
526 Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ



1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a
2 Christ is a - ble to make us one; at the ta - ble he
3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a



shout of joy: bread is bro - ken; the wine is poured;
sets the tone, teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless,
world of doubt, gives us love to tell, bread to share:



Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
love in word and in deed ex - press. Je - sus lives a - gain;
God (Im - man - u - el) ev - ery - where!



earth can breathe a - gain; pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

This "communion calypso" (as the author called it) affirms the continuing presence of Christ both in the sacramental meal and in the lives of Christians. Because this text was written to fit a pre-existing tune, it has a rather telegraphic style that encourages pondering.

TEXT: Fred Kaan, 1975

MUSIC: Jamaican folk melody; adapt. Doreen Potter, 1975
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LINSTEAD
LM with refrain